

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan calls out Austin's limited housing choices and rising housing costs, and recognizes the need for a variety of housing types to meet the financial and lifestyle needs of Austin's diverse population; and

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin also identifies the need to retain the character of older, inner-city neighborhoods by accommodating growth along corridors and major roadways; and

WHEREAS, micro-unit housing is an efficient and cost-effective housing choice developed and utilized in many of Austin's peer cities; and

WHEREAS, micro-unit housing most often appeals to single people, who make up over a third of Austin's population; and

WHEREAS, micro-unit development offers the potential of placing more affordable dwelling units within reach of those who want to live an urban lifestyle, often accompanied by reduced car ownership; and

WHEREAS, Council passed Resolution No. 20140123-059 asking the City Manager to identify best practices and code amendments that would encourage micro-unit development; and

WHEREAS, the March 18, 2014 City staff memo identified the primary zoning code constraints that may be inhibiting micro-unit development in Austin as minimum site area requirements and parking requirements; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council initiates amendments to Title 25 of the City Code and directs the City Manager to develop an ordinance that reduces or eliminates parking requirements and reduces or eliminates site area requirements for dwelling units less than 500 square feet in size and that are located on core transit corridors, future core transit corridors, or within a Transit Oriented Development District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is further directed to present the Code amendment to the City Council within 120 days.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk